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SUBJECT: CNEN OFFICIAL GIVES VIEWS ON CURRENT NUCLEAR ISSUES

REF: BRASILIA 2066

1. CONGEN RIO DE JANEIRO E/C CHIEF AND ECON/COML OFFICER MET MARCH 16 WITH ELVE MONTEIRO DE CASTRO, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AT BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMISSION (CNEN). HE REFERRED TO MARCH 10 ARTICLE IN JORNAL DO BRASIL ON NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION APPROVAL OF EXPORT LICENSE FOR ANGRA I, BUT SAID HE HAD NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION. WE SAID WE ALSO HAD NO OFFICIAL WORD ON THE STORY. (EMBASSY COMMENT: OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF EXPERT LICENSE APPROVAL WAS RECEIVRD IN STATE 068396 OF MARCH 16, WHICH WAS FORWARDED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONGEN RIO BY POUCH. END COMMENT)

2. HE COMMENTED ON AGREEMENT FOR JOINT THORIUM RESEARCH SIGNED DURING PRESIDENT GEISEL'S VISIT TO WEST GERMANY, SAYING PROGRAM WOULD NOT BE SIGNIFICANT SINCE BRAZIL COULD NOT AFFORD THE HUGE LONG-TERM INVESTMENT REQUIRED.

3. IN GENERAL COMMENTS ON INFCE AND BRAZILIAN PARTICIPATION, CASTRO ENGAGED IN EXTENDED POLEMIC ON USG INTENTIONS AND GAVE HIS OPINION THAT, ONCE THE FINAL INFCE REPORT WAS WRITTEN, THE CONCEPT WOULD DIE. HE SAID BRAZILIAN PARTICIPATION IN WORKING GROUPS ONE AND EIGHT WAS OF INTEREST, AND BRAZIL HOPED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF DISCUSSIONS ON THORIUM AND BREEDERS TO INCREASE ITS INFORMATION ON THESE TOPICS.

4. ON THE SCANDAL INVOLVING SECURITY AT THE ANGRA REACTOR SITE (REFTEL), DE CASTRO BARELY CONCEALED HIS ANTIPATHY TOWARD NUCLEBRAS AND HIS SATISFACTION AT THEIR BEING CRITICIZED FOR LAXITY IN THEIR PROGRAM. (COMMENT: IN FACT, CNEN HAS CONSIDERABLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR NUCLEAR PLANT SECURITY, BUT HAS ESCAPED BLAME IN THE CURRENT PROBLEM.) HE ALSO BELIEVED CORRECT THE PRESS REPORT THAT SIX ANGRA ENGINEERS HAD BEEN PRESSURED BY NUCLEBRAS AND POLICE TO SIGN STATEMENT THAT THE ANGRA SECURITY WAS SATISFACTORY. HE ALSO WELCOMED PRESIDENT GEISEL'S ORDER TO "DOUBLE" SECURITY, SAYING THAT CNEN COULD UTILIZE THE ADDED RESOURCES EFFECTIVELY (PERHAPS OPENING A PROJECT-MONITORING OFFICE AT ANGRA).

5. MEMCON FOLLOWS.
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